This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) In a computer system, a method of presenting information associated with a hierarchy comprising the steps of:

creating a first display area, said first display area displaying a first node of said hierarchy, the hierarchy being of a file system;

creating a second display area, said second display area presenting a plurality of child nodes of said first node;

performing the following when one of said plurality of child nodes in said second display area is selected:

updating said first display area to include said one of said plurality of child nodes; and

updating said second display area to display a plurality of nodes in place of said plurality of child nodes, said plurality of nodes being the child nodes of said selected child node, and wherein said step of updating said second display area further includes the steps of:

determining whether said child node is a leaf node of said hierarchy; and

removing said second display area, if said child node is a leaf node.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said step of updating said first display area further comprises of steps of:

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performing the following when said first node is selected in said first display

area:

removing said one of said child nodes from said first display

area; and

updating said second display area to display said plurality of child nodes.

4.   (Original)   The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of placing the cursor over said one of said child nodes in said second display area.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein a size of said first display area is independent of a size of said second display area.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said step of updating said second display area further comprises the step of placing a marquee over said one of said child nodes of said selected child node.

8.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising said step of displaying a marquee over said one of said child nodes in said second display.

9.   (Original)   The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of moving said marquee one entry in said second display area in response to arrow key input.

10.   (Original)   The method of claim 8 wherein said marquee is positioned over said one of said child nodes, said method further comprising the step of selecting said one of said child nodes in response to right arrow key input.

11.   (Original)   The method claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

receiving character input;

adding said character input to a search criteria;

repositioning a cursor on said one of said plurality of child nodes in response to said character input, said one of said plurality of child nodes resembling said search criteria.

12.   (Currently amended)   ~~The method of claim 1~~ In a computer system, a method of presenting information associated with a hierarchy comprising the steps of:

creating a first display area, said first display area displaying a first node of said hierarchy, the hierarchy being of a file system;

creating a second display area, said second display area presenting a plurality of child nodes of said first node;

performing the following when one of said plurality of child nodes in said second display area is selected:

updating said first display area to include said one of said plurality of child nodes; and

updating said second display area to display a plurality of nodes in place of said plurality of child nodes, said plurality of nodes being the child nodes of said selected child node;

wherein said step of performing further comprises the steps of:

determining whether there is unused display space in said first display

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area;

performing the following when there is unused display space in said first display area:

resizing said first display area to eliminate said unused display

space;

expanding said second display area to include said unused display

space.

13.   (Currently Amended) A hierarchical information browser comprising:

a computer system having a processor and memory;

a process executing in said computer;

a first display area controlled by said process, said first display area having a plurality of entries that identify a selected path through said hierarchical information of a file system;

a second display area controlled by said process, said second display area having a plurality of path choices of said hierarchical information;

wherein the first display area is configured to be updated in response to a selection of one of the plurality of path choices in the second display area, wherein said first display area is limited to a maximum size and a scrolling mechanism is activated when said first display area reaches said maximum size.

14.   (Original)   The hierarchical information browser of claim 13 wherein a size of said first display area is independent of a size of said second display area.

15.-27. (Cancelled)